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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

The following documents listed on supplemental form PTO-1449 were unearthed in the course of a search conducted during prosecution of the Canadian counterpart application. A copy of the Canadian Office Action and each of the listed documents is enclosed. None of these documents discloses or suggests the subject matter of applicant's invention, as delineated by the present claims on file.

Submission of the listed documents should not be construed as an admission that any patent or publication referenced in the Search Report is "prior art" for the present invention, or as a waiver of applicant's right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

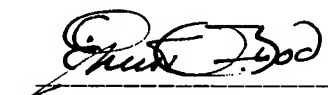
It is submitted that the present application is patentable over the listed references and in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

It is understood that no fee is necessary for submission of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being filed before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114. For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that no additional fee is required for this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. However, in the event that the Commissioner deems that an additional fee is required, it is respectfully requested that such additional fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3832.

Respectfully submitted,

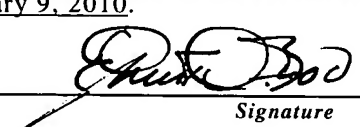
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